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REMARKS

Claims 77-104 are currently pending and stand rejected. Claims 77-104 are cancelled and new claims 105-116 are presented herein.

Support for New Claims 105-116

Support for new claims 105-116 can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. For example, support for new claim 105 can be found, *inter alia*, at paragraphs 2, 13-15, 18, 25, 31, 49, 55, 57, 79, 85, 90, 55, 85, 91, 103, 105, 108-110, 113, 115, 118, and 125¹ and claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 21, 29, 73. Support for new claim 106 can be found, *inter alia*, at paragraphs 2, 13-15, 18, 25, 31, 49, 55, 57, 79, 85, 90-91, 102-110, 113, 115, 118, 125, 127, 186-187, and claims 6, 14, 1, 2, 4, 9, 21, 73 and 29. Support for new claim 107 can be found, *inter alia*, at paragraphs 2, 13-15, 18, 25, 31, 49, 55, 57, 66, 68, 79, 84-85, 90-91, 96-98, 100, 102, 105, 104-106, 108-110, 113, 118, 125, 127 and 186, and claims 1-2, 4, 6, 12, 13-14, 18, 23, 29, 44 and 73. Support for new claim 108 can be found, *inter alia*, at paragraphs 18, 21-22, 41, 49-50, 64, 69, 82-83, 91, 93-94, 116 and 118, and claims 4, 6, 14, 24, 25 and 26. Support for new claim 109 can be found, *inter alia*, at paragraphs 18, 22, 41, 49, 50, 76, 82, 83, 103, 117, 125, 127 and 130, and claims 4, 10, 24, 28, 31, 32 and 65. Support for new claim 110 can be found, *inter alia*, at paragraphs 2, 13-15, 31, 55, 79, 57, 85, 90, 108-110, 113, 118 and 125, and claims 1, 2 and 73. Support for new claim 111 can be found, *inter alia*, at paragraphs 2, 13-15, 18, 25, 31, 55, 57, 85, 90-91, 102-110, 113, 115, 118, 125, 127 and 186, and claims 1-2, 4, 6, 9, 14, 21, 29 and 73. Support for new claim 112 can be found, *inter alia*, at paragraphs 13-14, 18, 22, 41, 49-50, 55, 57, 66, 68, 82-85, 90-91, 96-98, 100, 103-106, 109-110, 113, 115, 118, 127 and 186, and claims 1-2, 4, 6, 9, 12-14, 18, 21, 23, 44 and 73. Support for new claim 113 can be found, *inter alia*, at paragraphs 18, 21-22, 41, 49, 50, 64, 69, 82, 83, 91, 93-94, 116 and 118, and claims 4, 6, 14, 24, 25 and 26. Support for new claim 114 can be found, *inter alia*, at paragraphs 13-14, 17-18, 20, 25, 31, 55, 60, 71, 73, 85, 105, 148 and 188, and claims 1-2, 4, 6, 29 33-25 and 40. Support for new claim 115 can be found, *inter alia*, at paragraphs 2, 14-15, 18, 22, 31, 41, 49, 50, 55, 76, 82, 83, 103, 108, 110, 113, 117, 125, 127, 130 and 132, and claims 1, 2, 4, 10, 24, 28, 31-32, 65 and 73. Support for new claim 116 can be found, *inter alia*, at paragraphs 2,

¹ For ease of reference, the paragraph references noted in this section refer to paragraph numbers in the substitute specification.

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13-15, 18, 22, 25, 31, 41, 49, 50, 55, 57, 66, 68, 82, 83-85, 90-91, 96-98, 100, 103-106, 108-110, 113, 115, 118, 125 and 186, and claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12-14 18, 21, 23, 29, 44 and 73.

No new matter is added and entry is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 77-104 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner has specifically asserted that the limitations "common sample of text," "visual clues," and "selected from . . . pictographic and logographic markers," as set forth in claims 77 and 92, are not supported in the application as originally filed. Claims 78-91 and 93-104 stand rejected due to their dependency from rejected claims 77 or 92. The Examiner has also asserted that the claim limitation "graphic signs selected from the categories of logographic and pictographic signs," as set forth in claims 90-91 and 103, is not supported in the application as originally filed.

Claims 77-104 are cancelled herein and the noted limitations are not set forth in new claims 105-116. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 77-78, 83, 85, 90-93, 98 and 103 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph, as incomplete for omitting an essential element/step, amounting to a gap between the claim elements/steps. With regard to claims 77 and 92, the Examiner indicates that "the omitted elements/steps is: a pronouncing dictionary database or accessing the dictionary database." Claims 78, 83, 85, 90-91, 93, 98 and 103 stand rejected due to their dependency from rejected claims 77 or 92.

Claims 77-78, 83, 85, 90-93, 98 and 103 are cancelled herein and the new claims 105-116 set forth the element noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

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Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

U.S. Patent No. 5,416,898

Claims 77-78, 83, 85, 90, 92-93 and 98 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,416,898 ("*Opstad*").

As claims 77-78, 83, 85, 90, 92-93 and 98 are cancelled herein, this rejection is rendered moot. To ensure responsiveness, the Applicant notes that *Opstad* fails to render obvious new claims 105-116 at least because it fails to teach or suggest the "pronouncing-dictionary data-base" limitations of the present claims.

New claims 105-116 include the pronouncing dictionary data-base limitation as an element that is functionally integrated into the system or the method of each claim. The use of such a data-base enables the creation of multiple processed texts that differ with respect to the amount of phonetic clues or markers within the processed texts. These displayable texts provide the key means by which user familiarisation with the standard writing system of a human language is enabled. Such a purpose and function is not envisaged or taught by the disclosure of *Opstad*.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

U.S. Patent No. 5,416,898 with U.S. Patent No. 6,363,342

Claims 79 and 94-97 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly obvious over *Opstad* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,363,342 ("*Shaw et al.*"). The Examiner specifically asserts that although *Opstad* fails to teach the pronouncing-dictionary-data-base limitation of the claims, this is taught by *Shaw et al.*

Though the Applicant respectfully submits that the combinability of the cited references has not been sufficiently set forth, claims 79 and 94-97 are cancelled herein, thus rendering this rejection moot. New claims 105-116 are not obvious in view of the *Opstad* and *Shaw et al.* combination at least because these references fail to teach one or more claim limitations, for example, the converter or conversion limitations of the present claims.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims as currently presented are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the unlikely event that the Patent Office determines that additional extensions and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or fees due to our Deposit Account No. 18-1260, referencing Docket No. 22529-00201. Any refund should be credited to the same account. The Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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